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**MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2022
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING (DUE TO COVID-19)**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

KNA Directors Present: Yoshito L'Hote, Jeremy Burns, Gary Pacheco, Bill Chase, Stephenie Brown, Thomas Daubert, Mike Latif, Mike Lyons, ~~Charlie Martin~~, Kalena Pacheco, Ron Paul, ~~Sonrisa Stepath~~, Stephen Squire, Sarah Wright

Community Attendance: 7+

Call to Order: Vice Chair Paul called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. There is a quorum.

COMMITTEE / COMMUNITY REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Gary "Mr P" Pacheco reported we have \$4,965.74. No payments or receipts. Please send donations to PO Box 328 in Kilauea if anyone wants to contribute!

Planning Committee: Ron Paul reported planning committee did not meet last month.

Communications Committee: Thomas Daubert would like anyone with community announcements to contact him, as we publish these twice monthly. As always please send any interest in signing up for the Kilauea Neighborhood Association announcements, questions or potential meeting topics to joekilauea@gmail.com.

Fundraising Committee: No report.

NEW BUSINESS / GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

"Meet Your Match" Candidate Speed Date at Anaina Hou: Thomas reported the next one is scheduled for Monday August 8th for the Governor's seat.

Common Ground: Jennifer Luck reported that Common Ground is opening back up launching farm tours starting next week every Tu/Th for the next several months. These are a ticketed event with pupus, tastings and liquor available. A retail store will be open on campus with food and beverage options from around the state. The restaurant is going through renovations so will not be open for the foreseeable future.

Kilauea Gym renaming: Ron Paul reported that Bill Troutman who recently passed away was a fixture in Kilauea and on the KNA and there is a movement to rename the gym in his honor. Mr P reported that Bill was a member of the North Shore Lions and he was so involved in the community and K-PAL basketball and supported all sorts of community events. The Council needs to initiate such requests and the Mayor needs to approve of it so if a letter can be written in support of this effort it would be helpful.

MOTION by Treasurer Pacheco, seconded by Director Latif to write a letter to the County Council and the Mayor to support officially dedicating the Kilauea Gym to be in memorium of William Bill Troutman. Discussion on whether a bench could be placed there in lieu of or in addition to naming. Discussion on whether the gym has an official name yet – unknown. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Mike Latif and Secretary Burns will draft the letter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kalihiwai Reservoir: Bert Lyon reported the engineer has not been paid to start the decommissioning yet. Secretary Burns reported the annual meeting was delayed to fall due to COVID and to allow further investigations such as getting back the dam safety report from the State. Nathan Myers reported they submitted a plan for decommissioning but they cannot move forward until DLNR stamps it which could take 6 months to a year.

The water is very important to Namahana school and Anaina Hou for fire suppression, as well as Aina Hookupu o Kilauea and Common Ground for surface water for irrigation. Next steps may involve a big fundraising campaign to secure remediation funds.

Councilwoman Cowden noted that there are many reservoir-related flood relief funds out there per a recent conference she attended – it may require State or County partners to access but there could be an opportunity there.

Jeremy Burns asked if there was a stakeholder list developed of who could benefit from remediation vs. decommissioning? Request for everyone from the meeting or extended Kilauea community to funnel inputs through joekilauea@gmail.com or to Jeremy at burnsy825@gmail.com, and Jeremy will consolidate inputs. Chair L'Hote will compile the big players and we can do outreach to other area people to solicit input from any unknown potential beneficiaries such as recreational users for example. Department of Water could also be a beneficiary?

Lihue Airport Master Planning Process:

Secretary Burns reported that in a Business Association meeting the consultants indicated they were halting the Lihue Airport Master Planning process and instead moving to an alternate airport optimization process. The 6500 foot runway will be moved back away from the ocean but not extended in length, with the effect that the largest passenger aircraft will not be able to land there.

KNA Officers: Mr. P reported we need a motion in the minutes to approve Director Kalena Pacheco to be a signatory on the Bank of Hawaii account. Bert Lyons checked the bylaws and the other signatory shall be an officer (p. 18 and 23). Secretary Burns suggested that we have a bylaws review and update committee with providing appropriate notice for changes. Director Daubert will provide the updated January minutes with new officers to Mr P to take to the bank.

UPDATES:

Seniors: No report.

PTSA: No report.

‘Āina Ho‘okupu O Kilauea / Kilauea Community Agricultural Center: Secretary Burns reported we are taking a break in August as we haven’t had one since COVID-19 started 2.5 years ago. The farm will slow down, and boxes will temporarily stop but will restart in September. The Market/Deli building is expected to be finished in late fall timeframe – the electrical loads have just been planned and located. We continue to feed our community with a new K-Club which is a membership club which allows purchasing locally-grown meats (various types of pork, sheep and lamb, value-added like bacon and sausage, and more to come – you can also buy chicken and produce) in family-size quantities. It is an annual membership currently \$25 which includes \$20 worth of pork to get started. You can sign up at www.ainahookupuokilauea.org under the top menu Shop. Mangos and pineapples are still in season and can also be ordered online and picked up at our location.

Anaina Hou: Jill Lowry reported that Jeff Murray has been selected as project manager for their resiliency hub project. Honua Engineering surveyed a section of property and will be bringing the topo map up to date to support the project. All businesses are overworked so things are moving slowly. There is still a lot to do to assess viability including financial feasibility.

“Meet Your Match” speed dating Governor’s Candidates will be held August 8th. There is an extensive music and programming coming – Pau Hana will be back for the month of September as a pop up twice a year, as will Stanley Jordan jazz guitarist. October will bring the 3rd year of Haunted Hale drive through which is a very successful event with 1500 cars participating and many businesses. November will be Josh Taki and December will bring more performers.

Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge / Friends of Kaua‘i Wildlife Refuges: Thomas Daubert reported the refuge is still very short staffed which has been challenging but they have had one recent hire through the Great American Outdoors Act.

Predator-proof fence construction for the predator-proof fence is ongoing and has been a success so far for these birds. There have been questions about the hood (top) of the fence with some sections not being painted – any shiny sections will be painted over to blend the fence into the foliage.

Kilauea Point will reopen to the public on Wednesdays in September, staffing permitting. It is currently open Thurs – Sat.

The Newell’s shearwaters are back with one nesting pair confirmed. There is only one remaining Moli; all the rest have left. The wedge-tailed shearwaters are beginning to hatch now.

Thomas Daubert with the Friends of Kauai Wildlife Refuges Group reminds everyone there is a new website at www.kauairefuges.org. Please sign up for their newsletter for additional information!

The group is participating in the Charity Walk so please support and consider walking!

The group was awarded complementary space in Kukui Grove near the food court and will have educational information up celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge for about 2.5 months.

Kaulana Kīlauea: Mr P reported the Christmas Celebration tentatively will be Saturday December 10th 5:00 pm at the park. The menu is being worked on. More details to come.

Kia'i Kāhili: Thomas Daubert reported the group meeting schedule has been in transition. If anyone is interested in this group they will be meeting virtually the first Friday of the month – contact him for an invitation.

Na Kia'i o Nihokū: No report.

Namahana Charter School: No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Question on the shiny silver Z shape on the hillside along the crater hill? That appears to be the predator proof fencing project.

Question on whether KNA has any sort of hurricane preparedness plan? Mr. P has been in contact with the Kilauea Gym regarding their generator and the Parks and County Maintenance will be coming out shortly to test the generator to make sure it is functional. The Gym is not hurricane rated yet, no improvements have been done. Suggestion to reach out to Red Cross liaison (Padrick) on island and see where supplies are staged and what preparations are in place that the community can augment. Jill Lowry will reach out to Red Cross. CERT teams in Princeville (FEMA) have 2 trailers in place, perhaps Kilauea could connect with that group and do that. The Fire Department and Anaina Hou are attempting to relaunch CERT after it was defunded everywhere except Princeville during the pandemic. The County / KEMA are unlikely to fund CERT again without community demand. The Princeville Library was also giving away free hazard preparedness documents. Hanalei/Wainiha area was developing a container of supplies and equipment to be ready for emergencies. AHK has two 500 gallon diesel trailers.

Approval of Minutes:

The July 2022 Kīlauea Neighborhood Association meeting minutes were approved by email.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco seconded by Thomas Daubert and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the August 2, 2022 Kīlauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:39 pm.